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1. At about 0920 on 13 November 1954, 3 MiG-15s approached from the east, crossed over Doeberitz airfield at a low altitude and then landed. There was a 2/10 overcast at an altitude of 2,000 meters. At about 1130, 3 MiG-15s were parked in front of the middle hangar on the southern edge of the field. A driver who drove to the work-shops also saw the aircraft and expressed great surprise. There was no air activity about 1130. Except for the 3 MiG-15s, no other aircraft were parked in front of the southern hangars. The doors of some hangars were open but their interior could not be observed from a far distance. No aircraft were seen in the revetments on the northern edge of the field.¹

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2. The unit of Colonel Vasilyev (fnu) with the Auditor Panfilov (fnu) was still responsible for the quartering buildings of the former motor transport training battalion, the NSKK Kaserne and the eastern section of Richthofen Kaserne. According to accounts, there had been a high current consumption in October via the new transformer and current meter at the field to which the repaired ring cable was connected. No auditor of the air force units in Doeberitz was willing to accept the bill for the current consumption. The major of the Elstal komendatura stated that Auditor Zautkin (fnu) who wore black-bordered blue epaulets and belonged to Unit Panfilov was responsible. Panfilov who was again addressed in this matter said that Zautkin belonged to his unit and that he was ready to pay one third of the total amount and that the other two thirds should be paid by Auditors Ivanov and Kraiyevoi. A final decision in the matter was expected on 15 November 1954. Zautkin as audit officer is mentioned for the first time. Since recently, Unit Vasilyev has settled all account matters for the quartering buildings on Thaelmann Platz, where

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officers' dependents were quartered. Audit officer Panchenko (fnu) was no longer mentioned. From the high current consumption of about 31,000 kWh in October it was inferred that the billets of the area were fully occupied. At about 0800 on 15 November, about 300 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and carrying books marched from the NSKK Kaserne into the quarters of the former motor transport training battalion.

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3. The audit officer Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fnu) was still observed in his headquarters building No 19. No changes had apparently occurred with

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his unit.

4. Major Kraiyevoi (fnu) was still in charge of the workshops. The noise of engines was heard from the test stands. Seventeen gray blue crates, each 2 to 2.5 meters long, 1.5 meters wide and 1.5 to 1.8 meters high, with hoop iron and hoisting slings at the corners were stored at the spur track. [] the billets south of Herold Platz were still assigned to the workshops. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at the entrance gate to the billets.²

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5. At about 1130 on 13 November, the following AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacements at the airfield:

3 x 37-mm AA guns emplaced about 100 meters northwest of the westernmost hangar

3 x 37-mm AA guns about 100 meters northeast of the easternmost hangar

2 x 37-mm AA guns about 50 meters in front of the west-northwestern edge of the field.³

The fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the field was still subordinate to the army units in Doeberitz (Neues Lager). It was connected to the new transformer. The bill for the monthly current consumption of the dump amounted to 30 eastmarks.⁴

6. Lieutenant Colonel Besvershi (fnu), chief of the artillery equipment park allegedly stayed for some days in Brandenburg. Audit officer Captain Muzhnykh (fnu) was not observed in the installation.¹

1. [] Comment. The landings of 3 MiG-15s at Doeberitz airfield is reported for the first time. If the information is correct, the aircraft were possibly assigned to the technical training battalion for training purposes. When this unit transferred from Altenburg to Doeberitz in May 1954, the MiG-15 trainers were shipped by rail. On 19 November 1954, 3 MiG-15s were observed in the [] hangar on the southern edge of the field. []

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2. [] Comment. All of the officers have repeatedly been reported except for R.A. Zautkin. The appointment of Colonel Vasilyev is not quite clear. It is possible that Vasilyev is the commanding officer of the technical training battalion. The information that Major Kraiyevoi is still in charge of the workshops is new because, in June 1954, another report mentioned his successor Major Bobrov.

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3. [] Comment. Two AA gun emplacements have previously been known to be located on the western and northwestern edges of the airfield. It is possible that a new emplacement was constructed because excavation work in connection with the AA unit has repeatedly been reported.

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4. [] Comment. Major Dubinka is in charge of the army fuel dump.

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